(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the private investors allowed to invest and the activities in which these investments are proposed to be allowed; and

(c) whether Government of India have given a green signal to such investments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) No.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Talks on Sir Creek issue**

391. DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether official level talks with Pakistan have started on May 28, 2005;

(b) if so, whether India claims that the middle point of Sir Creek should be demarcated as the international boundary;

(c) if so; whether Sir Creek which is extremely rich in marine life, has been contentious issue between the two countries;

(d) if so, what are the latest positions about this issue;

(e) whether any final agreement has been reached; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (f) Talks on the Sir Creek issue under the Composite Dialogue Framework were held in Rawalpindi on 28-29 May, 2005 to discuss the demarcation of International boundary between the two countries in the Sir Creek area. No final agreement was reached. The two sides, however, agreed to continue their discussions aimed at an early resolution of the issue for the mutual benefit of the two countries.

The Indian position on this issue is that the Centre of the navigable channel of the Sir Creek should be the boundary line in the Sir Creek Segment.